

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A computer communication system for communicating among users on an electronic communication network comprising:

a communication server

a plurality of user accessible stations connected to said network;

application software configured to effect transfer of communication between said stations and said communication server;

said application software further including a graphic user interface for indicating communication transfer to at least one said station, said application software further permitting selective communication modes, said selective communication modes being user selectable through said graphic user interface and said application software further configured to selectively transfer a plurality of messages to one of said stations to at least one of a plurality of users.

2. (original) A computer system of claim 1 wherein said communication modes include text, audio, video, voice and combinations thereof.

3. (original) A computer system of claim 2 wherein said application software includes text-to-speech conversion capabilities.

4. (original) A computer system of claim 2 wherein each station supports two-way text, audio, video and voice communication and combinations thereof.
5. (original) A computer system of claim 1 wherein said application software is configured to identify users accessing said stations.
6. (original) A computer system of claim 5 wherein said application software is configured to permit specific user access at each of said plurality of stations.
7. (original) A computer system of claim 1 further including a communication server connected to said plurality of stations.
8. (original) A computer system of claim 7 wherein said application software includes server-based software configured to effect communication between said plurality of stations and said communication server.
9. (original) A computer system of claim 8 wherein said server-based software is operative to effect communication among said plurality of stations.
10. (original) A computer system of claim 9 wherein said application software includes

station-based software configured to effect communication directly between said plurality of stations.

11. (original) A computer system of claim 10 wherein said station-based software is user configurable.

12. (original) A computer system of claim 10 wherein said station-based software includes message indicating capability for providing an indication at said station of receipt of said communication.

13. (original) A computer system of claim 12 wherein said message indicating capability includes graphic and audio indications and combinations thereof.

14. (currently amended) A method of communication over a network, said network including a plurality of user accessible stations comprising the steps of:

providing application software for permitting communication between said stations, said application software including a graphic user interface for indicating communication data transfer at one of said stations, said application software permitting user selectable communication modes;

selectively transferring communication data from one of said plurality of stations to

another of said plurality of stations directed to at least one of a plurality of users; and

selecting one of said user selectable communications modes through said graphic user interface at said another station.

15. (original) A method of claim 14 wherein said selecting step includes:

selecting through said graphic user interface, said communication data in text, audio, video, voice modes or combinations thereof.

16. (original) A method of claim 15, wherein said application software is configured to provide

text-to-speech capability and wherein said selecting step further includes:

selecting through said graphic user interface, said text-to-speech conversion for said communication mode.

17. (original) A method of claim 14 further including:

selecting one or more said users of said network to whom communication is desired.

18. (original) A method of claim 14 further including:

selecting one or more said stations to which communication is desired.

19. (original) A method of claim 14, wherein said transferring step includes:

entering said communication data at one of said plurality of stations; and

selecting said one or more said users of said network to whom communication is desired.

20. (original) A method of claim 14, wherein said transferring step includes:

entering said communication data at one of said plurality of stations; and

selecting one or more said stations to which communication is desired.

21. (new) A computer system of claim 1 wherein said application software is configured to display the currently stored total number and type of messages for each user of the system from any user accessible station.

22. (new) A computer system of claim 1 wherein said application software is configured to dynamically display messages in one of a plurality of visual modes.

23. (new) A computer system of claim 1 wherein said application software is configured to dynamically track and display user log-on and log-out status from any of said user accessible stations independent of said communications server.

24. (new) A computer system of claim 1 wherein said application software is configured to define, store and distribute custom standardized messages for transmission from any of said user accessible stations.
25. (new) A computer system of claim 1 wherein said application software is configured to automatically construct and transmit custom messages to any one of a plurality of user accessible stations upon the occurrence of a predetermined event.
26. (new) A computer system of claim 1 wherein said application software is configured to transmit and display a message to at least one of a plurality of display ports of said application software.
27. (new) A computer system of claim 26 wherein said plurality of display ports include a message receiving window.
28. (new) A computer system of claim 26 wherein said plurality of display ports include a message scrolling banner.
29. (new) A computer system of claim 1 wherein said application software is configured to define and identify said user accessible stations into groups based upon predetermined criteria.

30. (new) The computer systems of claim 29, wherein said predetermined criteria include physical location.
31. (new) The computer systems of claim 29, wherein said predetermined criteria include departmental ownership.
32. (new) A computer system of claim 29 wherein said application software is configured to graphically represent the organizational and physical location of said user accessible stations.
33. (new) A computer system of claim 29 wherein said application software is configured to direct messages to one or more user accessible stations within said groups.
34. (new) A computer system of claim 29 wherein said application software is configured to direct messages to a plurality of said user accessible stations based upon more than one group identity.
35. (new) A computer system of claim 29 wherein said application software is configured to dynamically modify the group status of a said user accessible stations.
36. (new) A computer system of claim 1 wherein said application software is configured to dynamically track said users log-in status for all of said user accessible stations within said

computer system.

37. (new) A computer system of claim 1 wherein said application software is configured to allow a message recipient to acknowledge a received message from said receiving message window.

38. (new) A computer system of claim 1 wherein said application software is configured to allow a message recipient to acknowledge a received message from said message-scrolling banner.

39. (new) A computer system of claim 1 wherein said application software is configured to assign predetermined properties to a messages before transmitting said message.

40. (new) A computer system of claim 39 wherein said predetermined properties control how a message is routed.

41. (new) A computer system of claim 39 wherein said predetermined properties control how a message is stored.

42. (new) A computer system of claim 39 wherein said predetermined properties control how a message is displayed.

43. (new) A computer system of claim 39 wherein said predetermined properties control how a message is acknowledged.

44. (new) A computer system of claim 39 wherein said predetermined properties control how to reply to said message.

45. (new) A computer system of claim 39 wherein said predetermined properties control how a message is deleted.

46. (new) A computer communication system for communicating among users on an electronic communication network comprising:

a plurality of user accessible stations connected to said network;

application software configured to effect transfer of communication between said stations
and;

said application software further including a graphic user interface for indicating communication transfer to at least one said station, said application software further permitting selective communication modes, said selective communication modes being user selectable through said graphic user interface and said application software further configured to allows any of said user accessible stations to dynamically accept the functionality of a communication server.

47. (new) The computer communication system for communicating among users on an electronic communication network in accordance with claim 46, wherein said application software can run as a client, a server or both from any of said user accessible stations.

48. (new) A computer system of claim 46 wherein said communication modes include text, audio, video, voice and combinations thereof.

49. (original) A computer system of claim 46 wherein said application software includes text-to-speech conversion capabilities.

50. (original) A computer system of claim 46 wherein each station supports two-way text, audio, video and voice communication and combinations thereof.

51. (original) A computer system of claim 46 wherein said application software is configured to identify users accessing said stations.

52. (original) A computer system of claim 46 wherein said application software is configured to permit specific user access at each of said plurality of stations.

53. (original) A computer system of claim 46 further including a communication server

connected to said plurality of stations.

54. (original) A computer system of claim 46 wherein said application software includes server-based software configured to effect communication between said plurality of stations and said communication server.

55. (original) A computer system of claim 54 wherein said server-based software is operative to effect communication among said plurality of stations.

56. (original) A computer system of claim 55 wherein said application software includes station-based software configured to effect communication directly between said plurality of stations.

57. (original) A computer system of claim 56 wherein said station-based software is user configurable.

58. (original) A computer system of claim 56 wherein said station-based software includes message indicating capability for providing an indication at said station of receipt of said

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59. (original) A computer system of claim 58 wherein said message indicating capability includes graphic and audio indications and combinations thereof.